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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJECT: CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SOME THOUGHTS FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION
MEETING SUBJECT MATTER.

2. ALMOST ALL OF US WILL NEED THE BENEFIT OF THE BUREAU'S
SPECIAL INSIGHTS RE PANAMA, CUBA AND PUERTO RICO, BUT I HOPE
MOST OF THE REST OF OUR TIME CAN BE DEVOTED TO THE BROAD
NEW RANGE OF ISSUES WITH WHICH WE ARE GRAPPLING, WITH AS
LITTLE PAROCHIALISM AS POSSIBLE.

3. PERHAPS THE SECRETARY CAN BE ASKED TO TALK WITH US NOT
ONLY ABOUT HIS GLOBAL POLITICAL PREOCCUPATIONS BUT ALSO
ABOUT THE PLACE OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN THE NEW
ECONOMIC ORDER. US POLICY TOWARD THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND THE RESTORATION OF WORLD ECONOMIC STABILITY AND GROWTH
HAS COME A LONG WAY IN THE LAST YEAR. WE HAVE TWO
PROBLEMS: TO GRASP THE NEW APPROACH IN ALL ITS COMPLEXITIES,
AND TO PUT OUR MINDS TO THE BEST WAYS OF IMPARTING OUR
VIEWS TO OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,
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OF GAINING THEIR SUPPORT.

4. SOMEONE HAS TOTED UP THIRTY SEPARATE PROPOSALS IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH TO THE SEVENTH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION. NOT ALL ARE OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE OR SALEABILITY. ADEQUATE TIME SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING THE PRINCIPAL INITIATIVES WE HAVE LAUNCHED UNDER SUCH GENERAL HEADINGS AS TRADE, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, COMMODITY CONTROLS, INCOME STABILIZATION MEASURES, FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DEBT AND INVESTMENT -- ALL AS THEY BEAR ON THE AMERICAS.

5. SOME OF US WILL HAVE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THOSE OLD OAS CHESTNUTS, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND TRANSFER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. WHAT CAN WE, WHAT SHOULD WE TO TO CUT THROUGH THE PRECONCEPTIONS THAT OBSTRUCT PROGRESS?

6. ALSO MOST USEFUL WOULD BE A DISCUSSION OF WHERE THE BUREAU'S DOWNGRADING OF LATIN AMERICAN REGIONALISM WILL LEAD US. IT RESPONDS TO THE REALITY AND SEEMS TO OFFER OBVIOUS BENEFITS, BUT WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

7. PROCEEDING FROM THE FOREGOING, WE NEED A SESSION ON WHAT LIES AHEAD IN THE OAS. AND FURTHER, SOME ENLIGHTENMENT ON WHERE THAT NEW NOTE WE'RE STRIKING AT THE UN WILL LEAD US WITH OUR CLIENTS.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS IS A HACKNEYED ITEM, AND A MERE REPLAY OF LAST JANUARY'S DISCUSSION WON'T BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. I SUGGEST MORE EMPHASIS ON SOME OF THE NEWLY EMPHASIZED ELEMENTS: THE PROPER ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION, THE LINKAGE WITH MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, THE POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY OF A PORTUGUESE-TYPE SCENARIO. ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH WOULD BE TO CONSIDER HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF APPROPRIATE ACTION AGAINST TERRORISM OR, IF YOU WILL, NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

9. WE NEED GUIDANCE ON THE NEW TRENDS IN OUR ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE POLICIES; THE STATUS OF OUR JOUSTING WITH CONGRESS; THE PROSPECTS FOR A LAW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SEA AGREEMENT, AND THE EFFECTS IN LATIN AMERICA; SOME IDEAS ON THE IMPACT OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION; AND ANY NEW THOUGHTS ON DRUG CONTROL AND POPULATION POLICY.

10. ONE INCIDENTAL POINT. COULD THE PRESIDENT RECEIVE US? WOULD HE HAVE TIME FOR PHOTOS WITH EACH OF US? I KNOW THIS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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